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DOT IS A WINNER

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD BUILDING IN CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

State Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials have learned that North Carolina entries have won four separate awards in the Federal Highway Administration's "Tenth Annual Awards 1977 — The Highway and Its Environment" Program.

Conducted annually by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the competition is designed to recognize programs which contribute effectively to a more aesthetic highway environment.

This year's competition, open to all 50 states, was designed to solicit entries in ten separate categories.

NCDOT's entries this year garnished the following awards: a first place and second place award in Category V — The Outstanding Example of Highway-Oriented Public or Private Enterprise Adjacent to the Highway Right of Way; third place in Category IV — The Outstanding Safety Rest Area and/or Information Center; and Honorable Mention in Category VIII — The Outstanding Example of Sympathetic Treatment of Historic, Cultural, or Natural Environment.

The first place winning project in Category V was the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Building, located on US-1-15-501 at Chapel Hill. The second place award in the same category went to the Bicentennial Plaza in Raleigh.

The Rest Area on I-77, 12 miles south of Statesville at Lake Norman, received the third place award in Category IV. The Honorable Mention in Category VIII went to the Oak Island Bridge, located on NC-133, spanning the Intercoastal Waterway, one mile north of the Town of Yaupon Beach.

"I am extremely proud of North Carolina's showing in this competition," commented Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr. He added, "These awards for excellence further demonstrate that North Carolina is truly a leader in the field of highways and transportation facilities."

It is anticipated that the formal presentation of the awards, plaques and appropriate certificates, will be made by Federal Highway Administration officials early next year.

BICENTENNIAL PLAZA, RALEIGH, N.C.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Center, which won the first place award was singled out for its unique rhomboid form. The description of the winning project, in part, reads: "The advanced wall design reflects the sun's rays, resulting in a significant reduction in air conditioning costs . . . The existing landscape frames the view from the highway . . . Earth berms and planting blend well with the sculptured treatment of the building plaza and entry drive."

The structure is owned by Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Inc. of North Carolina. Built by Nello Teer of Durham, the winning structure's design and landscaping was done by A.G. Odell Associates of Charlotte.

The project winning second place in the category of "Outstanding Example of Highway-Oriented Public or Private Enterprise Adjacent to the Highway Right-of-Way" was designed to commemorate North Carolina's heritage. Constructed on an old street right-of-way, the Bicentennial Plaza provides a multi-block walkway between the State Capitol and the Legislative Building. The plaza, featuring a statue of Sir Walter Raleigh, a replica of the Liberty Bell, and cascading waterfalls, provides a gathering place for ceremonial and entertainment purposes.

Owned by the State of North Carolina, its engineering design was done by Bell Design Group of Raleigh. It was constructed by Clancy and Theys Construction Company of Raleigh.

North Carolina's "Outstanding Safety Rest Area" is located on I-77, 12 miles south of Statesville, and is surrouned by water on three sides. Adjacent to Lake Norman, this small residue of land adjacent to I-77 was transformed into a useful highway facility providing a view of water from each picnic table and bench. It

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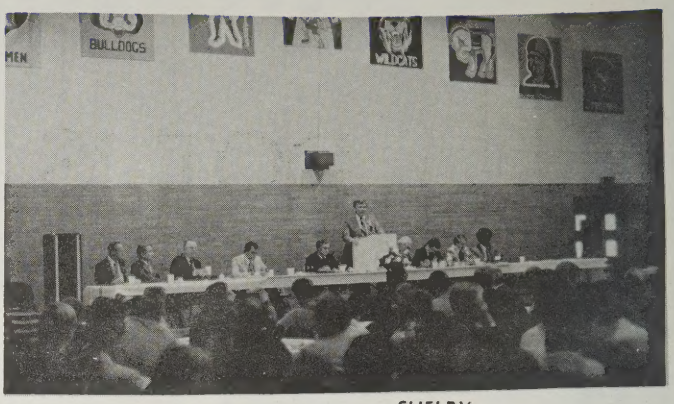

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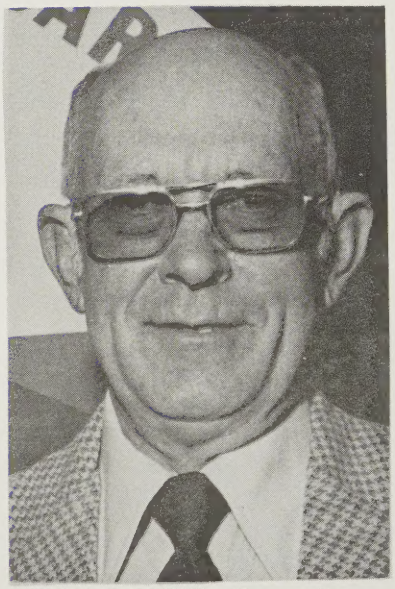

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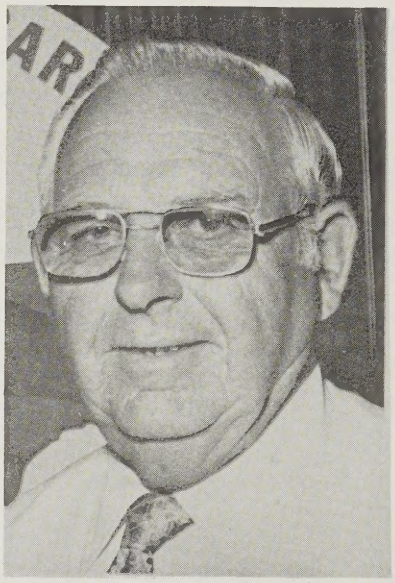

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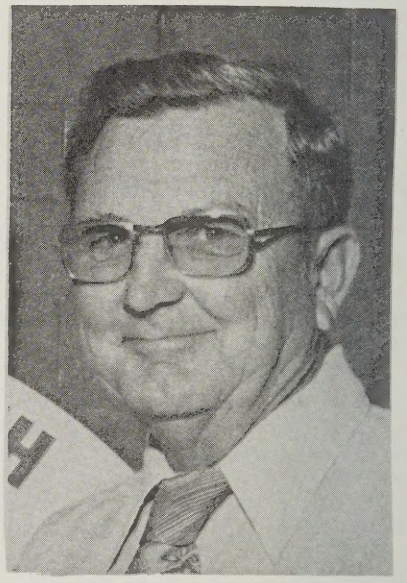

MILES SPAIN 40 years–Elizabeth City

Over 4,000 DOT employees statewide received service awards this year. Two hundred ninety-one fell into the 30 year category, fifty-two had 35 years of service and twelve received recognition for 40 years of service with DOT. Secretary Bradshaw said he felt this was an excellent opportunity to establish a closer link with people in the field. Employee Relations Manager Ron Wolfe said that everyone he had talked with had very good things to say about the dinners and the employees involved were most enthusiastic about having the chance to meet Secretary Bradshaw.

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It's Not Too Late

Employees who are not currently taking avantage of the Deferred Compensation lan may elect to do so through ovember 30. Those who are partici-ting may make changes authorized by e plan during this same period. All anges and new enrollments become ective January 1, 1978.

The annual re-enrollment period is the ly time each year that employees are ven the opportunity to participate in the eferred Compensation Plan.

According to Personnel Director harlie B. Shapard, the purpose of this lan is to help increase financial dependence in preparation for retire-ent. He said, "By deferring receipt of a ortion of ones salary, employees also duce the amount of federal and state thholding taxes as well as the amount of xes actually paid at year end. Under this rogram employees are permitted to efer until retirement the payment of xes on this money and whatever terest, gains and dividends that might crue."

in mind this is not to be used as a account. Once money is deferred, nly a bona fide emergency will release it you.

Please contact Mr. Charles Casey, 3725 ational Drive, Suite 225, Raleigh, 27612 call (919) 733-3486 if you need more formation.

Another Fringe Benefit

As an employee of the Department of ransportation, one of the fringe benefits having access to the State Employees redit Union.

Simply go to the nearest branch office, ive the teller $5 or more and ask that a avings account be opened.

Then you can take advantage of the nany options available: checking ac-ount, loans, free financial counseling nd free notary service. In addition, for our convenience, they sell savings onds, travelers checks and money rders.

And that's not all, your spouse or any family member living under the same roof can have checking and savings accounts with the Credit Union.

Another advantage is that savings, checking or loan accounts can be handled through payroll deduction which means you don't even have to write a check.

After the first of the year the Credit Union is expecting to have more mortgage funds for those who may be thinking of buying a new home.

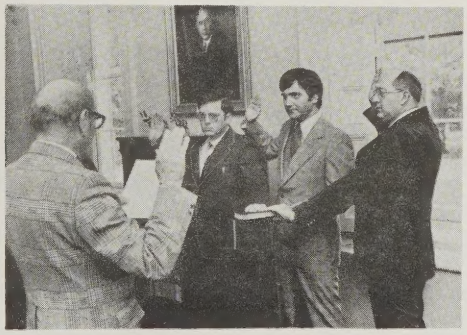
The interest on new car loans is 9½% annually and for used cars 11½%. Free credit life (up to age 65) is part of all Credit Union loans.

The North Carolina Credit Union is the third largest in the United States. As of September 30, 1977 its assets totaled $256,310,671.59. During 1976 over 126 million dollars in loans were made to 91,261 employees with car loans heading the list.

Credit Union Locations

119 North Salisbury Street
NCSU Campus, Leazar Hall
1010 New Bern Avenue
123 New Bern Avenue

In addition there are branches of the credit union in Asheville, Boone, Butner, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Cullowhee, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Kinston, Morganton, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem.



Three new inspectors for the Division of Motor Vehicles are sworn in by Secretary of State Thad Eure. They are (left to right) Jerry Mitchell Edwards, Donald Ray Lee and Artie D. Clayton. Mr. Edwards will be assigned to the duty station in Wilson; Mr. Lee, Charlotte and Mr. Clayton, High Point.

A Learning Experience

"A little learning is a dangerous thing!" Therefore DOT employees should take advantage of the Tuition Refund Program offered by Personnel Training. In this program a permanent, full-time employee can take any one course during the school term that is directly related to his or her job and, upon satisfactory completion of the course, be reimbursed up to $80.

The first step is to obtain Form 136 from Personnel Training in Raleigh, and have it approved by the supervisor, to be certain the course is job-related. The couse must be taught by an accredited institution but does not have to be in North Carolina.

Once the course is completed and passed then it is up to the employee to apply for reimbursement. *This is not automatic.* When applying for reimbursement attach all receipts and any other documentation to support your having taken and passed the course.

If the course to be taken is not offered at night or weekends, it is also possible to obtain "educational leave". This means that paydays continue as usual while the employee is taking a daytime course. This must be approved prior to taking the leave, of course.

Anyone interested should contact Cathy Gillie at (919) 733-4757.

Moonlighters Take Note

The form used in obtaining approval for outside employment has been revised, according to DOT personnel officials.

A change in policy now requires that the approval form for outside employment be signed by the employee's division head. (Division heads include the Assistant Secretary for Management, Assistant Secretary for Planning, State Highway Administrator and Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.) In the past, division head's signature was not necessary.

Use of the new form is effective immediately. All employees presently holding outside jobs should submit the revised form for approval to their division head no later than January 1, 1978.

• For further information, contact Cloyce B. Alford, Deputy Director of Personnel at (919) 733-7684.

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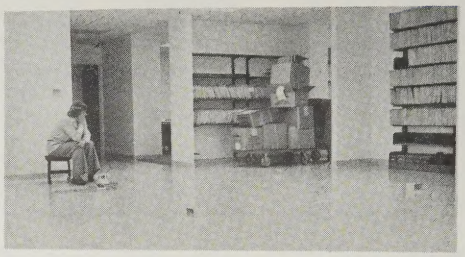
DMV Makes Its Move

The Division of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh is moving some of its offices. When all final moves are made, including renovation of the third floor of the original building, all Commissioners will be located in the new annex directly in front of the original building on New Bern Avenue. In addition, the Office of Public Safety, License and Theft, Personnel, Traffic Records, Traffic Safety Education, and a member of the Attorney General's Office assigned to work with DMV will also be located in the new section. Data Processing will move into space on the 4th floor of the older section which will be created by the move.



Mary Ann Wells of the License & Theft Section in Raleigh seems to be pondering where everything will go during the recent move from one building to another.

1978 Holidays

The State Personnel Commission recently approved the following holiday schedule for 1978:

New Year's Day	Monday, Jan. 2
Easter	Monday, March 27
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 4
Veteran's Day	Monday, Nov. 13
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday Nov. 23 & 24
Christmas	Monday & Tuesday Dec. 25 & 26

Reward is Offered By Secretary

The apparent vandalism and theft of a stop sign in Sampson County has led Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr. to offer a $500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the unlawful removal of the stop sign.

The removal of the stop sign on Ellis Road (Secondary Road 1735), eight miles east of Clinton, is believed to have resulted in the death of a young Wake County man and injured his 19-year-old wife.

"I am extremely saddened that an act of vandalism on our highways has resulted in the death of a young man and injured his wife," said Bradshaw.

The $500.00 reward offered excludes payment to any law enforcement personnel and is made by Secretary Bradshaw in accordance with G.S. 136-33 and with the concurrence of the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

"While some have termed the removal of the stop sign last week a Halloween prank, I consider it a serious offense and I urge all individuals having information that could lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible to contact the Highway Patrol or their local law enforcement officials," commented Secretary Bradshaw.

In addition to announcing the $500.00 reward, Secretary Bradshaw called on all motorists to "be observant and report immediately all acts of vandalism" like the destruction and removal of all traffic signs to any Department of Transportation official, the Highway Patrol or any other law enforcement agency.

THE HIGHWAY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT

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features retaining walls to protect existing vegetation and tree wells built from native stone. This site provides for nature walks along the shoreline and unobstructed views of the large man-made lake. Owned and maintained by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the winning rest area was built in 1973 by Hickory Construction Company.

The 4,200-foot Oak Island Bridge, which won for North Carolina an "Honorable Mention" was completed in May of 1975. The facility was designed to preserve the valuable salt water marshes. The smooth lines and gently rising grades of the bridge give a pleasing view for boat and automobile traffic over the Intercoastal Waterway in Brunswick County. The Oak Island Bridge was built by Saltman Construction Inc. of Bardstown, Kentucky.

This is the first time that North Carolina entries have won any awards in the ten year history of this national competition. This year's contest entries were selected and prepared by a special NCDOT committee, headed by George E. Wells, Manager of Highway Design.

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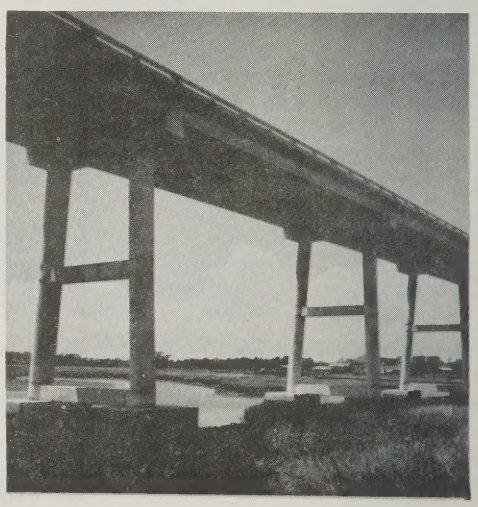

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